

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
TAX POLICY**

Thursday, May 12, 2005

3:30 P.M.

**University Center, Room U-111
80 Livingston Blvd.
Gaylord, Mi**

Chairman Sheen called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Sheen, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Condino, Miller, Meisner, Bennett. (10/17)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Meyer, Palmer, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Zelenko. (7/17)

Representative Condino moved to excuse absent members. **Representative Drolet** supported the motion. There being no objection, absent members were excused.

The following people testified before the committee on the Governor's single business tax proposal:

James Park, representing Besser Co., no position.

Charlie Owens, representing the National Federation of Independent Business, in opposition.

Phillip Spicer, representing Spicer's Boat City, in opposition.

Chuck Hadden, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, in support.

Joseph Duff, city manager of Gaylord, in support.

Allen Lowe, city manager of Grayling, no position.

The following people turned in testimony cards regarding the Governor's single business tax proposal but did not wish to speak:

Brian Burns, representing Presque Isle Electric and Gas Co-Op, in support

Paul Kanakis, representing Advanced Chemical and Supply Inc., in opposition

Mike Bruchman, representing Bruchman's Trucking, in opposition

Robert Webster, representing Thrifty Print, Inc., in opposition

Robert Heilman, representing Fort Fudge Shop Inc., in opposition

Diane Fry, representing Mancino's of Mackinaw City, in opposition

Thomas Barber, a home and remodel contractor, in opposition

Richard Townsend, representing North Central Excavating, in opposition

Doug Derrer, representing Derrer Oil and Propane Co., in opposition

There being no further business before the committee, **Chairman Sheen** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 5:30 p.m.

Representative Fulton Sheen, Chair

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